

If Columbus' growth in the next two years is as great as it has been the past two she will be some city,—it will be, greater

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S. R. Hunt Making a Fine Showing

A short time ago the writer visited the farm of S. R. Hunt at Sunnyside and was very much surprised to note the state of development his place has reached. Mr. Hunt arrived here about six years ago and he and Mrs. Hunt filed on a section of land, it being the first land taken in the now prosperous Sunnyside district. Mr. Hunt, like many of the settlers in this country, was not rich by any means, though he managed to pull through and today he has a clear title to 640 acres of as fine land as there is anywhere. Of course it is not in a very high state of cultivation but it will be, not far in the future.

There seems to be an abundant supply of water at a shallow depth. There are five wells on the farm all less than forty feet. He has three good pumping plants and caught all the water he wants for irrigation.

There is a fine orchard on the farm and from all indications there will be a fine crop of fruit this year. The peach trees have been planted five years and have made a rapid growth, and will produce a large amount of fruit per tree. I found all kinds of vegetables growing and they were looking fine. A small field of alfalfa stands more than one foot high and will soon be ready for the first cutting.

Mr. Hunt has not neglected to plant shade trees and is making the place look home-like. With the livestock and poultry he has, the crops of vegetables, grain and fruit, he is on easy street and in a few years will be wealthy without making any further special effort, and will have a home as beautiful as the heart could desire.

New County Jail

The county commissioners have been considering, at their meeting this week, the question of building a new county jail, as were recommended by the October grand jury. It is probable that the new building will be erected close to the courthouse, and the money should be forthcoming without any difficulty. The present jail is so full most of the time that some of the prisoners become disgusted with the congested condition and walk out, but the new jail will offer more obstacles to jail-breakers than the present one does. Headlight

We have for distribution a supply of the literature on Columbus and the Lower Mimbres valley which was printed to be distributed at the San Diego exposition. Anyone who will mail or hand the literature to those whom they think would be interested can get all they want by calling at the Courier office.

Mrs. J. A. Moore and Miss Fay Moore left Thursday for an extended visit in Kansas. Mr. Moore accompanied them to El Paso and then made a trip to Las Cruces.

Willard K. Holt, secretary of the Deming chamber of commerce, was here Tuesday in company with several Windmill City people. He gave the Courier a call and took a hand at type setting, telling us if we ever got hard up for a type setter to send him word. Mr. Holt is an old newspaper man with wide experience and it is a pleasure to meet him.

Don't Be a Grouch

A man in this town who is nearly 60 years old seems to be about 40.

That man has never been out of a job. Hard times come and pinch the business hours where he works, and men are discharged who are better educated than he, more able than he to do his work, but he stays on the job.

He has just one conspicuous talent—the gift of always being glad.

"He's the youngest fellow on the whole works," said his employer the other day when he was being considered for a promotion. "I need his smile around here to cheer me up." And while others were staying because he sings at his work, he pays to be cheerful.

A glad, enthusiastic, hopeful disposition is a real asset. It keeps a man young. He, like Kipling's Kim, "the friend of all the world." And all the world is the friend of the man with the hearty laugh and the cheery outlook upon all things around.

A cheerful nature, a fault-finding, harsh, cold manner is a pull-back to any man. Many a young man, trying to climb, has been dragged down by the fetters of a cynical, discourteous manner.

The glad man attracts like a loadstone. The churl repels. A thousand proverbs, old and modern, teach this lesson.

"A good word maketh the heart glad," said Solomon a good many centuries ago.

"Laugh and the world laughs with you; weep, and you weep alone," says a more modern wise one.

Tell your troubles to a police man," says the philosopher of the streets today.

In every age and clime the she-same—go room for the man or the woman with a grouch.

An old Scotch preacher, with a grouch on, looked out over his chilly congregation and said: "It is sad to think that out of this whole congregation only six will be saved." He paused, and continued:

"And I could name them, too."

If it had been left to the congregation to name the six, the preacher's record not have been among them. His name would have been the first of those found in the other direction, for there is no place on earth, or in Heaven either, for the bitter, venomous man.

For grouchiness, churlishness, is immoral and damning.

Grouchiness is a habit of mind. It begins with grumbling and fault-finding and impatience over trifles that go wrong. And, like Longfellow's turnip behind the barn, it grows, and grows, and grows.

The wife who begins by grumbling a little at her husband develops the habit until she becomes a nag and a scold. The man who begins by growling at his imaginary troubles ends in becoming a full grown grouch, with a scowl on his face that even the dogs scare at.

The surest beginnings of the grouch habit comes by nursing imaginary troubles, and nearly all troubles are imaginary. Look back ten or twenty years. The troubles that worried you then, what became of them? Forgotten long ago. They weren't worth worrying about. You know that now.

Neither are your troubles of today.

"Sorry you come to call, but I will not take him as a lodger," says a Turkish proverb.

JOB OF WORK

The man who has to work
As artisan or clerk
Has duties grim.
To while the time away
With quip or roundelay
Is not for him.

The festive rich man's son
May have a lot of fun
Each day on tap.
Yet we who have to bear
Life's heavy load may face
As well, mayhap.

For even play galore
May oft become a bore
That is intense;
While those who toil for pelf
Find labor in itself
A recompense.—Ex.

One On Rube

Rube Guley was very much surprised Monday when he learned that two officers were here from Texas wanting him. They finally got T. A. Halsey to ask him to come down to their hotel and after they questioned him and Halsey told them Rube had lived here five years, they refused to take him for some reason or other, and Rube had to go back to his old drink stand and go to work.

State Officials Indicted

Charged with conspiracy with each other and with the late Celestino Otero to commit an offense against the United States in the rescue and release of Jose Luis Salazar, the notorious Mexican general, and to escape from the Bernalillo county jail on November 20, the following men were indicted:

Felipe Ibarra, an Albuquerque attorney, Manuel Vigil, district attorney at Albuquerque, Trinidad C. de Bass, state game warden, and the judge of Bernalillo county.

T. A. Halsey has offered the city the use of his well if the board of trustees desire to use same. It is being considered and it is possible that the proposition will be accepted until such time when funds are available for putting in a system of water works.

If the grouch habit is growing within you pluck it out, now.

Be genial and glad. Smile. Be kind. Be cheerful. Cultivate a happy frame of mind. Force your face to smile if you have to, and soon the face of the whole world will smile back at you.—Exchange.

Board of Directors To Meet

A meeting of the board of directors of the chamber of commerce is called by the president to meet at the bank at three o'clock on Saturday afternoon, April 17th. It is necessary that the directors be present, and all that are interested are invited to come.

New Buildings

J. J. Pouch is building a neat cottage for Genaro Forzan in the Rice addition. The house will not be very large but will be very attractive, and a good substantial building. Sam Ravel is building another dwelling west of the two houses he built last fall. The call for more dwelling houses and the handsome figure for which they can be rented is reason for this house being built at this time.

C. C. Miller is having adobe blocks made to build an extension to the rear of the drug store. 45 feet will be added to the length of the building. A new glass front was put in the drug store a short time ago and with the new addition will look like a real up-to-date business house.

Sam Havel has contracted to build a large store room for the 15th Cavalry. Several thousand adobe blocks will be used in the construction of same.

Troop M and the 13th Cavalry band, accompanied by the regimental baseball team, left Saturday morning on an extended trip to Deming, Silver City and other points and will be away about two weeks.

J. S. Anderson is planning to put down two more wells on his place this spring. He has one well that is better than 1,100 gallons per minute.

Should Have a Canning Factory

A letter received from G. Crisamore, of El Paso, states that he is investigating the matter in regard to the possible cost of machinery for a canning factory, also a broom factory. Mr. Crisamore says that there is no doubt but both will be installed if the farmers will plant an acreage sufficient to justify the same. We wish the farmers would send us in a list of the crops they are planning to cultivate this season, and the acreage devoted to each. One man has agreed to plant five acres to broom corn, and there are a few others who will plant a smaller amount. Broom corn is now priced at about \$100 per ton and it will probably be worth as much in one year from now. It is an article that there is always a market for, and even if a factory is not established here it is a paying crop anyhow, as it is said to do well in this section.

We request every farmer in the Lower Mimbres to make out a list of the different products he intends to raise this year and the acreage, even if it is as small as 1/2, and we will publish same, letting the people who might be considering investments here, know just what to expect. We believe this will be a good advertisement if we get a complete report, and we earnestly urge the farmers to supply us with this information at the earliest date possible.

A Good School Well

The well was completed at the school house this week. The depth is 225 feet. It has not yet been tested out but it is thought that there is an abundance of water. The windmill which has been lying idle for a year will be put into service and water will be supplied for irrigating the trees which have been planted on the school grounds, and also for other purposes as well. It is believed that this well will not be bothered with silt as the old one was.

The Duty of Prayer

No life can be lived in and for itself alone and the attempt to do so means self destruction. Our souls can only grow by the way in which they contribute to the well-being of all. We secure good from one another but to very little unless we are prepared to give. And only by so doing is God able to express himself and work out his divine purpose for mankind. The desire to better the condition of human society is the urge of God in human hearts. Those who respond to it in helping their fellows to a larger, better life are working with God. Those who resist it or fail to co-operate with it are working against Him. Our acquaintance with life teaches us that all the good that has yet been accomplished, all the spiritual triumphs are due to the operation of the law "We are members one of another. If you take from any you take from all and there is no soul so feeble or of so little worth but that in the sight of God is or ought to be the minister of his saving grace to other souls.

Carry this truth far enough and you see why prayer on behalf of another is a duty that cannot be avoided without sin. You are responsible without you realize it or not for the welfare of every soul over which you have any influence and who is to say where that influence ends. Day

Entertainment at the School House

There will be an entertainment at the school building, Friday evening, April 23d, consisting of two one act plays and music. "The Greatest Plague in Life" will appeal to themselves who have wrestled with the great problems of keeping a cook. The farce, "Going to Mauro" tells the troubles of traveling to the unaccustomed. The proceeds of the entertainment are to be used in furnishing a room for Rev. Land, the Baptist pastor of Columbus. All are invited. Help a good cause along. Admission only 25c.

The program is as follows:

THE GREATEST PLAGUE IN LIFE

A farce in one act

Cast of Characters

Grandma Hostle Mrs. Wm. Anderson

Mrs. Hostle Miss Page

Mary Hostle Miss Edna Ritchie

Buddie O'Rafferty Miss Lennie Baron

Kelly Chiver Mrs. A. G. Beck

Miss Moonshine Miss Freeding

Bridgett McGuire Mrs. E. V. Romney

Hazy Back Miss Dorothy Lewis

GOING TO MAURO

Mrs. Hattermilk Mrs. Geo. T. Peters

Her Terrible Boy Master Aubrey Lippincott

The R. R. Agent Mrs. A. J. Kemp

The program will be given at the school building on Friday, April 23d, at 8:00 o'clock. Admission 25c and 15c.

At Church Next Sunday

Service will be held next Sunday at the M.E. Church as follows:

Morning worship, 11 o'clock. Subject of pastors discourse, "Religion, a thing of strength in Natural Life."

In the evening the meeting of the E. L. which commences promptly at 7 o'clock, and will be in charge of Mr. Albert Wald. Subject—Setting One's chance to save another.

Mrs. Greenwood will entertain the Ladies Aid with a tea next Wednesday afternoon. All the ladies are cordially invited.

Any news items or changes in advertising should be handed in not later than Wednesday noon, except something very unusual, which will be handled as well as possible under circumstances.

by day by the spirit you show and the level on which you live, by the deeds you do or have undone you are discharging that responsibility well or ill.

"Some day you will have to give an account of it before the judgment seat of Christ."

How are you resolving your responsibility? If you are exercising your will on behalf of others trying your best to help them, then you are putting your prayers into practice. Has any one wrought you ill? Pray for them, this is the command of the Lord Jesus. "Pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you." Pray for them. If you do not you are as good as dead. You had better bread from a starving child.—H. Hoddington.